

# Regional Administrator's 300-Day Plan 2010 Accomplishments - Region 6

## Administrator's Priorities

1. Taking Action on Climate Change
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3. Cleaning Up Our Communities
4. Assuring the Safety of Chemicals
5. Protecting America's Waters
6. Expanding the Conversation on Environmentalism and Working for Environmental Justice
7. Building Strong State and Tribal Partnerships



## Looking back 300 days

*"Congratulations to the entire EPA team for a job well done. We accomplished a lot of important work in 2010. But we can't let up. With our growing enthusiasm and energy, I know we can do even more this year. And by focusing on the Administrator's seven priorities, we will make our region a healthier, better place to live."*

- Al Armendariz

### Taking Action on Climate Change

Promote innovative energy projects to meet the nation's energy needs:

- Sign on 50 new partners in clean energy and climate program  
✓ Exceeded with 52 partners
- Maintain green EMS status for Region 6 to achieve ISO 14001 certification in 2012  
✓ Status maintained
- Update Regional Clean Energy Climate Change Strategy annual commitments by June 2010  
✓ Completed revised commitments. Results being compiled
- Provide training on deep injection well reservoir analysis, mechanical integrity testing, and permitting to Region 9 by July 2010  
✓ Completed
- Design On-line program estimating the economic and environmental benefits of Web based training events and flexiplace; post cost savings/reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions on the Intranet by December 2010  
✓ Completed
- Partner with the Office of Water to hold an Energy Audit Workshop for Water Utilities in the Region by May 2010  
✓ Completed
- Serve as carbon consultants to HUD-DOT/DFW FEB partners  
✓ Completed
- Host Green Infrastructure workshops in NM, OK, NW AR and DFW area by August 2010  
✓ Completed

### Improving Air Quality

Ensure clean air for communities:

- Implement strategy with TX to achieve federally enforceable air permits; take final action on Qualified Facilities, Flexible Permits and New Source Review SIPs  
✓ EPA disapproved Flexible Permit, NSR Reform and Qualified Facilities SIPs and objected to 43 Title V permits communicating in stakeholder meetings
- Complete air quality designations for the new lead and particulate matter standards  
✓ Completed

- Complete proposed LDEQ's 8-hr ozone redesignation plan for Baton Rouge by January 2011  
✓ Completed
- Work with State and local officials to propose the reclassification of the DFW area to serious 8-hour ozone nonattainment by August 2010  
✓ Completed
- Propose action on at least 1 Regional Haze SIP  
✓ Completed proposed NM BART
- Reduce SIP backlog by processing 25 backlog SIPs; look to new streamlining processes with our States to speed up Agency SIP approvals  
✓ Exceeded. Issued 28 Federal Registers addressing 79 SIP revisions
- Complete priority air toxics monitoring effort with States at 7 schools  
✓ Completed
- Provide \$1M in new air 105 funds to States for monitoring and technical studies for energy/air quality assessments by June 2010  
✓ Completed
- Install RadNet monitors in Farmington and Albuquerque, NM  
✓ Completed
- Reduce emissions of hazardous air pollutants from 75 incinerators, boilers and halogen acid furnaces burning hazardous waste  
✓ Completed
- Conduct 35 CAA compliance evaluations of facilities in or affecting nonattainment areas  
✓ Exceeded. 43 evaluations were conducted
- Initiate 3 CAA enforcement actions at facilities in or affecting nonattainment areas  
✓ Exceeded. 9 enforcement actions were initiated
- Conduct 5 compliance evaluations at facilities in the oil and gas sector  
✓ Exceeded. 10 evaluations were conducted

### Cleaning Up Our Communities

Make land available for Reuse:

- Complete assessment of soil lead contamination in affected public areas from a battery recycler by September 30, 2010  
✓ Completed



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- Complete 4 NPL remedies, select 5 new remedies, control groundwater migration at 1 site, make 5 sites ready for reuse, achieve human health protection at 2 sites, and complete 25 final site assessments  
✓ Exceeded. 27 final site assessments, completed all NPL remedies, new remedies, groundwater migration and ready for reuse sites
- Complete Superfund site investigation in Mossville, LA by December 2010  
✓ Completed
- Complete Tar Creek OU4 revision and begin relocation in Treece, KS by January 2011  
✓ Completed. Relocation to begin February/March 2011
- Conduct 100 Brownfield assessments  
✓ Exceeded. 125 Brownfield assessments were conducted
- Complete 19 Superfund-lead removal action responses  
✓ Completed
- Reduce toxic chemicals by 110,000 lbs through NPEP partnerships  
✓ Exceeded. Reduced 237,158 lbs of toxic chemicals
- Issue 2 ready for reuse determinations promoting RCRA facility revitalization  
✓ Exceeded. 4 ready for reuse determinations were completed
- Complete corrective action construction at 22 priority RCRA sites  
✓ Exceeded. 24 corrective actions were completed
- Control human exposure to toxins at 15 priority RCRA facilities  
✓ Exceeded. Controlled toxins at 21 RCRA facilities
- Cleanup 2 LUST sites on Indian land  
✓ 1 site Completed; 1 delayed to 2011 pending review

## Improve the environment along the US/Mexico Border:

- Remove 400,000 tires from legacy piles  
✓ Exceeded. 834,000 tires were removed
- Encourage scrap tire best practice management; finalize 1 municipal agreement  
✓ Completed
- Conduct 1 household hazardous waste collection event  
✓ Completed
- Disburse \$12M through the BEIF grants and provide 700 new service connections to safe drinking water and 100,000 waste water connections  
✓ Completed

## Assuring the Safety of Chemicals

### Prioritize decisions to maximize environmental benefits:

- Conduct 21 Facility Response Plan reviews and exercises at oil storage facilities  
✓ Exceeded. 28 Facility Response Plan reviews were conducted

- Conduct 125 risk management plans  
✓ Exceeded. Conducted 169 risk management plan audits
- Improve State and Agency emergency preparedness by conducting 8 exercises  
✓ Exceeded. Conducted 12 exercises
- Achieve Agency Core National Approach to Response score of 80% and 750 on core COOP Assessment Tool  
✓ Exceeded. Received 98.1% score on Agency Core National Approach to Response and 945 on core COOP Assessment Tool
- Reach 400 farm worker families in the Rio Grande valley with "take home" pesticide exposure information  
✓ Completed
- Convene an interactive training session in San Antonio with State Lead Agencies on the new pesticide containment rule in April 2010  
✓ Completed
- Conduct 5 evaluations to ensure compliance with CAA's chemical accident prevention provisions  
✓ Exceeded. 8 evaluations were conducted
- Complete lab construction modifications by August 2010 to accept chemical agent samples and agent standards from the Department of the Army  
✓ Completed

## Protecting children where they live, learn and play:

- Educate more than 500 on Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule  
✓ Completed. 16,330 certified renovators were trained/educated
- Distribute 15,000 2010 Lead Based Paint Planners to cities, states, tribes, non-profits and universities  
✓ Completed
- Implement indoor air quality Tools for Schools in 100 Regional schools impacting over 75,000 students  
✓ Exceeded. 153 schools implemented TfS, impacting 115,000 students
- Award up to 4 cooperative agreements totaling \$150,000 to projects that address exposure to indoor environmental hazards  
✓ Completed
- Train 100 daycare providers on health impacts of environmental hazards to children  
✓ Exceeded. 266 daycare providers were trained

## Protecting America's Waters

### Ensure safe drinking water:

- Ensure 95% of the population served by community water systems will receive drinking water meeting all health-based standards (person-month basis)  
✓ Completed



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- Maintain Water Response Team capabilities; 1 training and 1 exercise by December 2010  
✓ Completed
- Work with State partners to address/resolve 350 noncompliant fixed base Public Water Systems  
✓ Exceeded. Resolved 387 noncompliance Public Water Systems

## Provide leadership to restore and protect watersheds and coastal waters:

- Complete 200 TMDLs in the 5-State Region  
✓ Exceeded. 230 TMDLs were completed
- Achieve improvement in water quality conditions in 12 watersheds  
✓ Completed
- Issue Oklahoma CAFO general permit within 30 days after ESA consultation is finalized.  
✓ Pending issuance of action by USFWS. No action in 2010
- Coordinate with stakeholders to reduce disposal of pharmaceuticals in water; hold 2 medication take-back events  
✓ Completed
- Utilize GIS technologies to prioritize watershed protection and restoration activities by August 2010  
✓ Completed
- At Bayou aux Carpes CWA Section 404(c) site oversee monitoring studies and wetlands mitigation measures by December 2010  
✓ Establishing long-term monitoring stations. Data will form the basis of the mitigation plan
- Conduct 80% of the CAFO inspections in impaired watersheds or in response to citizen complaints  
✓ Completed
- Conduct 60% of the NPDES inspections in impaired watersheds or in sensitive waterbodies  
✓ Completed
- Implement the Regional SSO enforcement strategy for 2 priority municipal systems  
✓ Completed

## Expanding the Conversation on Environmentalism and Working for Environmental Justice

### Partner with vulnerable communities to address concerns related to environmental justice priorities:

- Improve community access to decision makers by holding at least 3 community meetings; draft method to prioritize issues  
✓ Completed
- Provide technical air support to 3 community based efforts: Port Arthur Showcase Community, Corpus Christi, and Shreveport  
✓ Completed and on-going
- Establish Tools for Schools, an indoor air quality program in 25 New Orleans area schools  
✓ Completed

- Initiate the collection of blood lead data in AR through the University of Arkansas and Arkansas Dept. of Health  
✓ Completed
- Target State RCRA permit oversight and correction action in priority communities  
✓ Completed
- Develop and implement Port Arthur Showcase Community Action Plan by May 2010; conduct joint performance evaluation of the public water system with TCEQ  
✓ Completed
- Conduct comprehensive assessment of Mossville public water system, including drinking water sampling by April 2010  
✓ Completed
- Issue 2 CAA enforcement actions at facilities affecting impacted communities  
✓ Completed

## Building Strong State and Tribal Partnerships

### Addressing State Priorities:

- Partner on improving the administration of programs with limited resources (OK)  
✓ On-going commitment by divisions including quarterly meetings
- Assist with challenges surrounding the attainment of the proposed new 8-hr ozone standard (OK, LA)  
✓ Completed
- Develop appropriate nutrient criteria; complete Illinois River TMDL; work with States to develop Illinois River Watershed model (AR, OK)  
✓ Completed TMDL development final contract; public participation quarterly meetings being held with EPA/OK; grant workplan in process for OK Scenic Rivers. AR to be included in workgroups
- Assist ADEQ with study associated with Fayetteville Shale natural gas drilling (AR)  
✓ Completed
- Assist with hazardous waste materials cleanup from sites without PRPs (AR)  
✓ Completed a fund response action at Diaz Intermediate
- Assist with Greenhouse Gas regulations and impacts (LA)  
✓ Completed
- Assist in development of alternative energy projects and improved GHG reporting (NM)  
✓ Completed
- Assist with needed wastewater infrastructure improvements (LA)  
✓ Completed
- Clarify CWA protection to non-navigable waters (NM)  
✓ Completed
- Enforce and complete the cleanup legacy pollution sites at and around LANL (NM)  
✓ Completed



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- Work to address environmental justice priorities to promote public health (NM)  
✓ On-going Regional commitment by divisions
- Work with States to develop and publish tools to effectively ensure compliance with new NAAQS (TX)  
✓ Working with States on available tools, monthly assistant calls and Webinars for addressing the new standard
- Work with State on SIP development process; identify issues early (TX)  
✓ Developed process; identified issues; tracking to resolve
- Assist with challenges surrounding cost sharing when using Recovery Act money at Superfund sites (TX)  
✓ On-going effort. ARRA funds have been committed for clean-up sites in TX
- Provide funding to States for Diesel Emission Reduction Program; complete competition for \$13M for DERA projects  
✓ Completed 5 state grants and 9 competitive grants
- Develop acceptable 5-year ambient air monitoring network assessments with States by July 2010  
✓ Completed
- Award nearly \$11M LUST prevention and cleanup funding to States and Tribal consortia  
✓ Completed
- Inspect approximately 1,000 UST facilities in LA and TX to help meet the Energy Policy Act 3 year inspection requirement  
✓ Exceeded. 1,066 UST facilities were inspected in LA and TX
- Conduct 2 pesticide State Lead Agency workshops  
✓ Completed
- Work collaboratively with States on a comprehensive nutrient database and criteria options for the Red River by December 2010  
✓ Completed
- Work collaboratively with the Gulf Ecology Division on a Hypoxia comprehensive nutrient database and water quality criteria options  
✓ Completed
- Complete a State Review Framework review with ODEQ by September 2010  
✓ Completed

## Safeguarding our Tribal Trust responsibilities:

- Work with Tribes to further define priorities and increase tribal input into EPA planning and budget processes  
✓ Completed
- Ensure drinking water meets all health standards (person-month basis) for at least 95% of the Tribal population served by Community Water Systems  
✓ Completed

- Work with the Tribal Office and the Taos Pueblo to provide adequate chlorination of drinking water by June 30, 2010  
✓ Completed
- Develop Regional guidance on Tribal Performance Partnership Grants providing information and assistance to interested Tribes  
✓ Completed
- Provide 2 solid waste grant training opportunities to the Tribes  
✓ Exceeded. 3 Regional Tribes were selected
- Address and close 4 open dumps in Indian Country  
✓ Exceeded. Closed and cleaned up 28 dump sites
- Inspect 35 UST facilities on Indian land  
✓ Completed
- Assist in the development of 2 Tribal integrated solid waste management plans  
✓ Exceeded. Assisted in 3 Tribal integrated solid waste management plans
- Hold 3 on-site waste water training sessions, including basic and advanced courses for Tribes and Pueblos in NM  
✓ Completed
- Work with Indian Health Services to assist San Felipe Pueblo in implementing a safe drinking water plan  
✓ Completed

## Focusing on Our People and Our Resources

### Developing our People:

- Graduate 2 classes of GS 12/13 LDP course; contribute coaches and mentors from management  
✓ Completed. 78 employees graduated from the LDP course; management provided coaches/mentors to the LDP
- Provide 41 training courses for Regional employees  
✓ Exceeded. 45 training courses were provided.
- Seek collaborative ways to improve the workplace through monthly Labor Management Committee meetings  
✓ Completed. LMC met on a monthly basis seeking collaborative ways for improvement
- Provide 30 coaching sessions for 30 managers  
✓ Exceeded. 32 coaching sessions were provided for 32 managers

### Ensure integrity of our financial management:

- Achieve a reduction in ULOs (expired grants) to below \$1.5M from the FY2010 beginning of year balance of \$7.2M  
✓ Eliminated the full target amount
- Close out 99% of grants ending in FY08 and earlier by December 31, 2010  
✓ Completed



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## American Reinvestment and Recovery Act:

- Work with our ARRA partners to increase financial draw downs and ensure transparency  
✓ Drawn downs increased over 58%
- Celebrate ARRA ground-breaking event at projects in each of our States.  
✓ 6 events were held in TX , 3 in NM, 1 in OK, and 1 in AR. LA to hold event in early 2011

## Questions?

**Please talk with your supervisor about  
our goals**



**Our 2010 Accomplishments Report  
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